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STAR OR TSAR?

Is coach Pol Casaral running German champions Bayern Munchen — or is star midfielder, ex-Melita, reformed rebel Paul Breitner the power behind the throne? — See page 2.

CROATIA BUYS

Determined to win the NSW State title, Croatia have just signed four more players, beating the transfer deadline. This and other stories from the State League — page 8.

WILLIE TO UNI

Ex-Celtic and Scotland star Willie Wallace, now the Leichhardt coach, goes back to school. Well, not a school but a university, actually — see page 9.

REFORM MOVE

A Sydney-based "Reform Committee" wants to streamline and restructure our soccer set-up, preferably through peaceful means, if possible — page 12.

SUPER LEAGUE PLAN FOR NSW

NSW could see the start of a "State Super League" in 1982 or 1983 as a viable alternative to the Phillips League.

At the same time, a "Reform Movement" has come into existence determined to restructure the NSW Federation by bringing under one roof seniors, juniors, schools, referees and coaches.

A NSW League would be just that: representative of the State, embracing Sydney, Newcastle, the South Coast, Queanbeyan and possibly Canberra.

At present the "NSW" Federation is restricted, with one or two exceptions, to Sydney metropolitan clubs.

Many club officials feel that a Super League in NSW would have a better chance of succeeding than the PSL in its present format.

Although none of them are keen to say so openly, the "top" NSW League clubs have second thoughts about applying for the PSL in 1982, should there be a vacancy.

St. George, Croatia and Melita all feel that they might be better off

where they are — Phillips Industries sponsorship of the PSL is expanded and reformed.

Added to their worry are rumors that the

Philips Industries sponsorship of the PSL may stop.

If that happens, all PSL clubs would be hit by an extra bill of \$25,000

or so — further aggravating their financial plight.

See story on page 12 about the "Reform Movement."

Nine months — but worth waiting for



The Phillips League, through ASF Marketing, this week released the full set of club logos.

It took nine months to develop the ideas, have them drawn and approved by the clubs.

They are available in full, stunning color.



ARGENTINIAN ACE TO JOIN SLICKERS

Argentinian World Cup star Rene Orlando Houseman is set to join Sydney City on a two-year contract.

Negotiations are proceeding well with the brilliant Houseman and could be clinched within days.

If they succeed, the Slickers will have secured the biggest star import in the history of Australian soccer.

Houseman, who will be 28 in July, played in all but one of the matches of Argentina in the 1978 World Cup finals.

For some years he was with the small Buenos Aires club Huracan where his coach was Luis Cesar Menotti.

When, in 1975 Menotti took over the national team, Houseman was one of the first to be called up for the squad.

Houseman, together with Fillol and Kempes, two other '78 heroes, also played in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Last December Houseman joined River Plate on a one-year loan.



Rene Houseman in action.

It is understood that Houseman will be able to secure his own free clearance as his contract has expired—one of the strange South American customs.

In 1975 the Belgian Anderlecht offered \$600,000 for his transfer from Huracan but as he was on Menotti's list of "untouchables," with other national squad players, the deal fell through.

Houseman (whose name in Argentina is pronounced as 'houser-mahn') is keen to come to Australia.

He didn't have to be chased with an offer, so much so that, through an intermediary, he contacted Sydney City.

One reason for his decision to migrate is the embarrassment of richness River Plate have in talent.

For the three attacking roles they can choose from internationals Heredia, Alonso, Ramon Diaz, Kempes, Ortiz and Houseman as well as youngsters Pedro Gonzalez and Comisso.

Perth referee Barry Harwood issuing one of his many cautions, this one to John Kosmina, at Sunday's Marconi v. Sydney City clash. Many fans—from both camps—were wondering whether it was really necessary to import a referee all the way from Perth when competent referees are available a bit closer to Sydney. Marconi won 1-0 and could be on the road to recovery while Sydney City's title challenge suffered a setback.

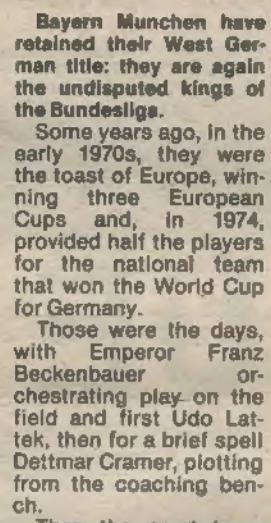
WORLD YOUTH

According to FIFA NEWS, Coca-Cola will pay some \$1,700,000 for the privilege of being associated with the World Youth Cup in Australia.

This doesn't include Coca-Cola's other expenses such as promotion and advertising.

Of the \$1,700,000 some \$400,000 is paid to FIFA for "organisational and refereeing" expenses. \$1,000,000 towards the travel costs of 443 players and officials to Australia and \$250,000 to the ASF towards the organising costs.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



you can talk yourself to death if you're not careful.

"I talk with Breitner more than with the others — because he's harder to convince.

"But I'm not at the mercy of any player — Breitner included.

"We did have our differences. When Lorant was about to be sacked (Lorant died in Athens two weeks ago of a heart attack at 56) Breitner asked the club to bring back Udo Lattek as coach.

"He couldn't stand me at first, just as he couldn't get on with Lorant under whom I was assistant.

"But this wore off. Breitner has to be handled well: potentially

Then the great team began to slide: Beckenbauer went to the USA, Uli Hoeneß had to retire because of recurring knee problems, the great goalie Sepp Maier became a semi invalid after a car smash and sharpshooter — Gerd Mueller decided to export his goals to Florida. A few lean years followed — until 1980 when three important decisions were made. First, after a players' revolt, the club's dictatorial president, Willy Neudecker, was forced to resign. Second, Bayern brought back from Madrid, via Braunschweig, the still brilliant but now mature Paul Breitner as the new playmaker.

Third, after numerous upheavals and minor scandals, they sacked Hungarian coach Gyula Lorant and replaced him with his assistant, another Hungarian, Pal Csernai.

The first result was the 1979-80 title; this was now repeated in 1980-81.

In both years, Bayern's manager was the young (32) Uli Hoernes.

Csernai, once a Csepel (Hungary) and Kickers Stuttgart player, has become a studious, serious, "thinking" coach.

In his quiet way he has steered his star-studded team — Breitner, Augenthaler, Rummenigge, the younger Hoenes Dieter and others — to the German championship.

Still, in the German Press Csernai was often regarded as a stooge of the strong-willed Breitner, the former Mao disciple, the unconventional, rebellious star who, among his other deeds, recently established an orphanage in Munich — and covers all its expenses.

Is it true, Csernai was asked recently, that the Bayern team is selected by the star midfielder Breitrner and not the coach?

"Yes, I've heard this before," Csernai said. "The truth is we discuss everything with the players, including possible team changes."

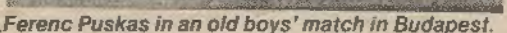
"But we make these talks brief: in pro soccer

The Hungarian sporting Press has been playing down the visit of Ferenc Puskas, until 1956 the greatest star of their soccer.

Apart from a very brief announcement of his arrival — the first since the 1956 Revolution — and a small, hazy picture of him, the Budapest daily 'Nepsport' has made no mention of his presence in Hungary and neither have they published an interview with him.


Meanwhile, the Western European sporting newspapers find the subject fascinating if not sensational: the French 'France Football' — Europe's No. 1 soccer journal — even sent a photographer there to cover Puskas' appearance in an "Old Boys" match.

This, then, is what Puskas looks like now — again in the cherry-red Hungarian national team jersey.



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PREVIEW OF PSL

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

DESPERATE



Giampaolo

Just a short-circuit or the start of a slump — this is what Leichhardt fans must be asking after Sunday's debacle.

They are also wondering when Giampaolo will be fit to resume and fulfil the club's high hopes in him.

West Adelaide are getting quite desperate and desperate teams are dangerous.

They are likely to pack their defence striving for a point and praying that Manecas can keep up his scoring form.

Our tip: Leichhardt 1-0.

COMPACT



Russell

It seems that Fashanu and Mitchell just can't get together; now that the young Roo is back from the tour, the Norwich star has to serve out a week's suspension.

Still, Adcity are in such a superb form that they should not be troubled too much by Footscray.

So far Footscray have managed only a single point in nine excursions and they can't expect to break their run of outs this time.

The compact, attractive Adcity — now at the top of the table — should draw a good crowd and consolidate their first place.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-0.

MARCONI REVIVAL



Sydney City defender John Spanos and Marconi's Mark Jankovics tangle for the ball in Sunday's match.

STYLISH

Style versus dash, careful planning against cavalry charges — this is the likely fare when the Slickers meet Olympic.

The championship hopefuls will badly miss Souness — suspended — but will have Jim Patikas back for the game.

Olympic will also be reinforced by Raskopoulos and Koussas.

If the Slickers are allowed to play their own game, at their own pace, they should be able to outsmart and outscore their enthusiastic but not too well organised guests.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.



Spanos

SURPRISE



Sharne

Canberra are still not out of the title race but could have a very difficult match against Marconi whose shattered confidence might have been restored last Sunday.

It seems that at last the Marconi stars were willing to fight for their threatened coach.

Canberra can be resourceful and entertaining at home and have enough striking talent to test the occasionally naive Marconi defence.

This could turn out to be a brilliant and exciting game with a surprise ending.

Our tip: Marconi 2-1.

SLIPPING



Blair

Having suffered a form lapse, South Melbourne have now lost their lead on the table.

Blacktown's problems are different: they keep slipping towards the bottom.

At home South Melbourne will get their chance to stay in the title hunt but won't find Blacktown easy opponents.

Rale Rasic is likely to pay particular attention to the dangerous South Melbourne strikers and hope to hit back with fast counter-punches.

Our tip: South Melbourne 3-1.

HANDFUL



Cole

Boasting of the best home record in the PSL, Brisbane City is likely to be more enterprising than last Sunday in Sydney.

Heidelberg have suffered another set-back in their recovery bid; it seems that the old fire is gone from this slowly ageing team.

With Perry likely to return to his old post, the Brisbane defence will be a handful for the visitors.

The battle may be decided in midfield, once Heidelberg's strongest point but, it seems, no longer.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.



Marconi's "Harry" Housseini tries to find the target with a fierce shot as Joe Watson and Steve O'Connor watch anxiously.



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SOLID

Reinforced with Peter Boyle and Isaac Farrell, Preston could cause some anxious moments even for the solid Lions.

Preston, after a promising start, have lost their momentum and probably their confidence, too.

The Lions have yet to win a match away from home and would probably settle for a draw.

If Bob Latchford is available still, they might have a chance; without him they could be struggling against their increasingly desperate hosts.

Our tip: Preston 2-1.

MISSING

The provincial derby should be a lively affair with both teams now having a winning form.

It's a pity Channon couldn't have stayed for this clash as the match would have drawn a crowd close to 10,000.

Wollongong are not in the habit of losing at home while Newcastle's away record is only average.

The Novocastrians will miss the class of Channon and, left to their own resources, may find it hard to sustain their winning streak.

Our tip: Wollongong 2-1.



Dunleavy



CLUB MARCONI

Saturday, July 4

SOUTH AMERICAN NIGHT

with three floorshows, Flamenco dancers and a seven-piece Latin American band.

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TEAM OF ROUND 19

McGREGOR (West Adelaide)	MARIANI (Marconi)	KONDARIOS (Footscray)	DAVIDSON (Sth. Melbourne)
FARRELL (Preston)	SUMNER (Newcastle)	CHANNON (Newcastle)	
HEYS (Newcastle)	BRENNAN (Canberra)	LUJIC (Footscray)	

LOWNDES
(Lions)

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Marconi's goalie Alan Maher: "Not many people knew that during last week we held only one training session. The rest did the boys some good."

• George Potter, Brisbane City: "We played fairly well in the first half but were in trouble in the second. I don't think we would have deserved a win."

• Craig Johnston (Liverpool and excited spectator at Newcastle): "That first half was magic — I'd love to have been out there being part of it."

• Olympic's new coach Doug Collins arrived on Monday and has taken over the team at once.

• Brisbane City's David Ratcliffe, about his disallowed goal: "I was stunned. I never touched the goalie, I simply outjumped him."

• Mick Channon (Southampton and guest player with Newcastle): "I hope that I have been of some benefit to the code out here and it was great to see the lads really enjoying themselves."

• Socceroo fullback Steve Perry made his comeback after injury last Sunday — as a midfield replacement towards the end of the game.

• Ray Baartz, caretaker manager of Newcastle: "I'm sure there couldn't have been many people who left the game disappointed at the display, apart from the Leichhardt supporters that is. I thought it was one of the best all round team performances seen at the Sports Centre."

• Murray Barnes suffered a muscle injury last Sunday and could miss a game or two for Sydney City.

• Eddie Thomson, Sydney City coach: "The team with the superior willpower earned the points. That team was Marconi."

• Joe Gilroy, Lions: "This was a satisfactory victory. Our opponents today were a highly skilled and footballing side that did everything well up to the penalty area. There it stopped. We took our chances and could have scored more. The future looks good, not only for Lions, but for Australian soccer, for there were five players out there under 20 years of age."

• One of the not so happy players after the Newcastle v Leichhardt match was solid defender John Sneddon, who has been sidelined with hamstring muscle trouble. A recurrence of the injury at training has hampered his challenge for a first team spot.

• Bob D'Ottavi, Adelaide City: "We controlled the game throughout and even when reduced to 10 men we more than held our own for the balance of play."

• Canberra Arrows coach, George Murray: "We didn't deserve to win. How can you hope to win when you don't accept scoring chances and give away a goal?"

• Len McKendry, Heidelberg United: "I am disappointed with the quality of play by my team. Fate interfered with a possible draw out of some second half attacks which only just failed."

• Westad coach, Peter Jaksa: "It seems as though we are destined to always have to chase a lead. If only we could score first, we would be able to be more composed and hit the opposition with sharp counter-attacks."

• Wollongong's Ken Morton: "We knew that they would come at us and so we planned to go out for a point. In the end we got two. They never really created more than a few half chances. Our lads defended well when under pressure."

TOP PSL SCORERS	
BODEN (Sydney City)	9
MITCHELL (Adcity)	8
CHRISTOPOULOS (S.M.)	7
OLLERTON (Preston)	7
P. WILKINSON (Br. City)	7
COLE (Heidelberg)	6
EVANS (S.M.)	6
J. NYUSKOHUS (Adcity)	6
SHARNE (Marconi)	6

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PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*			1-0	3-2	1-0		3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0			1-1		1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0		1-2	0-0	
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*		2-2			3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2				0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0	2-0		0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS		3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0		0-0		2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		*	5-0		0-1		2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0				*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1		1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1		*			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0		3-2		0-0		2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1			0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		*		1-2	1-0		1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0				1-0		2-1	2-1		1-0	*	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB		4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1			*	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1		0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1		*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1			0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2		1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0		*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0	1-1		2-1	3-4	1-1				2-2	3-1		*

— By Allen Crisp

CLEAN-OUT AT WEST ADELAIDE

A warning to clubs about to play West Adelaide: check before publishing the Westad squad in your match programmes, because nine changes have been made to the original squad issued at the start of the season.

The names to be deleted are Peter Boyle, Peter Tymoczyszyn, David Pillans, Neil McGachey, Gordon Haig, Neville Flounders, Graham Norris, Barry Reynolds and Jimmy Hughes.

The changes continued at Westad on Sunday when officials

completed negotiations with Adelaide Croatia to swap Graham Norris for Robert Marwe.

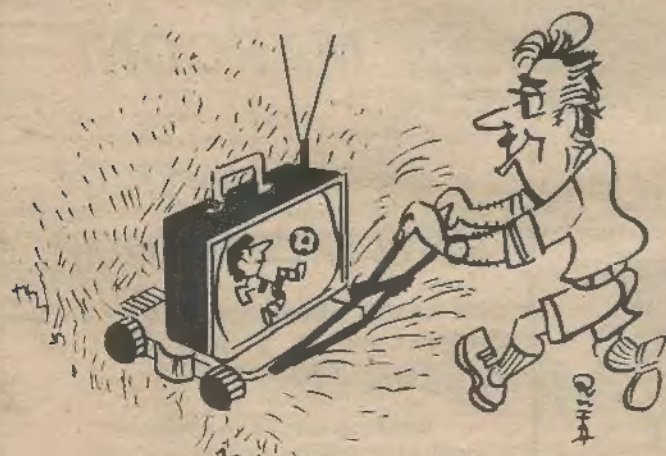
Former SA striker Marwe had a brief spell with Adelaide City in 1979 before rejoining Croatia.

Westad also wanted to swap Jimmy Wright for Jamie Thomson, but the deal lapsed when Wright refused to join Croatia.

The ex-St. Johnstone winger says he wants to stay with Westad, but

vice-president Con Daskalos made it clear that Wright has been placed on the transfer list.

Norris joins Gordon Haig (Campbelltown City) and Barry Reynolds back in the SA Rothmans League, while Neil McGachey is seeking a release to Para Hills, Jimmy Hughes wants to go to Elizabeth City, Peter Tymoczyszyn is on transfer and David Pillans has retired.



"He has not complained once about cutting the lawn since I bought him this new model for his birthday."

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP 1 (All Saturday)

Glad. Hornsby v Illawarra, Balgownie
Bankstown v Blacktown City, Soccer Centre
St. George v Leichhardt, Peakhurst
Polonia v Croatia, St. Johns
Sydney Olympic v Baulkham Hills, Ted Horwood
Melita v Southern & Eastern, Everly

GROUP 2

Nepean v Marconi, Marconi
Riverwood v Central Coast, Mona
Kuringal — Bye
Sutherland v Avala, Bates Drive
Canterbury v Blacktown Assoc., Arlington
Manly v Sthn. District, Ernie Smith

	14s	15s	16s
Group 1			
Bankstown v Illawarra	2-0	0-3	4-0
St. George v Blacktown City	3-1	3-0	1-1
Syd. Olympic v Croatia	6-1	0-2	1-1
Melita v Baulk. Hills	1-0	0-5	2-0
Sthn. Eastern v Leichhardt	1-5	1-3	1-1
Group 2			
Nepean v Sutherland	1-1	0-1	1-5
Riverwood v Marconi	0-3	1-6	1-2
Kuringal v Central Coast	1-0	2-0	1-0
Canterbury v Avala	1-1	6-2	9-0
Blacktown Assoc. v Manly	1-2	0-11	0-1

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
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1 ADELAIDE CITY	19	11	3	5	33	19	+14	25			10	7	—	3	17	9	14				9	4	3	2	16	10	11			
2 STH. MELBOURNE	18	8	8	2	23	17	+6	24			9	6	2	1	11	6	14				9	2	6	1	12	11	10			
3 SYDNEY CITY	17	10	3	4	27	15	+12	23			8	6	2	—	18	5	14				9	4	1	4	9	10	9			
4 BRISBANE CITY	19	8	7	4	22	13	+9	23			9	7	2	—	16	2	16				10	1	5	4	6	11	7			
5 CANBERRA	19	8	6	5	26	15	+11	22			9	4	3	2	17	8	11				10	4	3	3	9	7	11			
6 LEICHHARDT	18	8	6	4	24	19	+5	22			8	4	3	1	13	7	11				10	4	3	3	11	12	11			
7 NEWCASTLE	19	9	3	7	30	26	+4	21			10	4	3	3	19	11	11				9	5	—	4	11	15	10			
8 LIONS	18	6	8	4	23	16	+7	20			10	6	3	1	15	5	15				8	—	5	3	8	11	5			
9 WOLLONGONG	19	7	6	6	25	26	—1	20			10	5	4	1	17	11	14				9	2	2	5	8	15	6			
10 MARCONI	18	8	3	7	17	25	—8	19			10	5	2	3	12	12	12				8	3	1	4	5	13	7			
11 OLYMPIC	19	4	10	5	23	22	+1	18			9	2	5	2	13	12	9				10	2	5	3	10	10	9			
12 HEIDELBERG	18	5	4	9	24	30	—6	14			9	3	2	4	10	11	8				9	2	2	5	14	19	6			
13 FOOTSCRAY	19	4	5	10	16	34	—18	13			10	4	4	2	14	11	12				9	—	1	8	2	23	1			
14 PRESTON	19	4	4	11	21	32	—11	12			9	3	3	3	13	10	9				10	1	1	8	8	22	3			
15 BLACKTOWN	18	3	5	10	23	32	—9	11			9	2	2	5	13	16	6				9	1	3	5	10	16	5			
16 WEST ADELAIDE	19	3	3	13	17	33	—16	9			9	2	2	5	9	11	6				10	1	1	8	8	22	3			



WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Soper

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Butler, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park

Next week: Leichhardt v Wollongong

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Leichhardt v West Adelaide 0-1

1980: Leichhardt v West Adelaide 2-0.

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymaszczyn, 3. Pillans, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Norris, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulouanos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: R. Davies
R. Warren

Next week: West Adelaide v Marconi



Norris



O'Connor

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 5. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field

Next week: Heidelberg v Sydney City

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Sydney City v Olympic 2-0

1978: Sydney City v Olympic 5-0

1979: Sydney City v Olympic 3-4

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: A. Owens
P. Wood

Next week: Olympic v Canberra



Wilson



Tredinnick

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground

Next week: Leichhardt v Wollongong

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong v Newcastle for the first time.

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

REFEREE: K. Small
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson
T. Williams

Next week: Newcastle v Sth. Melbourne



Willis



Cole

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium

Next week: Olympic v Canberra

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Canberra v Marconi 1-0

1978: Canberra v Marconi 3-0

1979: Canberra v Marconi 3-1

1980: Canberra v Marconi 0-1

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 8. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picloane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: R. Mee
Linesmen: P. Murphy
N. Murray

Next week: West Adelaide v Marconi



Degney



Manou

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melita, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 18. Fashanu, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Field

Next week: Lions v Adelaide City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Adelaide City v Footscray 4-1

1978: Adelaide City v Footscray 0-1

1979: Adelaide City v Footscray 1-2

1980: Adelaide City v Footscray 4-1

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Illoski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: G. Neal,
K. Stokes

Next week: Footscray v Brisbane City



Kondarios



Evans

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park

Next week: Newcastle v Sth. Melbourne

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Sth. Melbourne v Blacktown 5-0

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Cullina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: D. Yelland
Linesmen: J. Fearn
M. Gaut

Next week: Blacktown v Preston



James



Hamilton

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 18. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm
Spencer Park

Next week: Footscray v Brisbane City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Brisbane City v Heidelberg 1-1

1978: Brisbane City v Heidelberg 1-1

1979: Brisbane City v Heidelberg 3-1

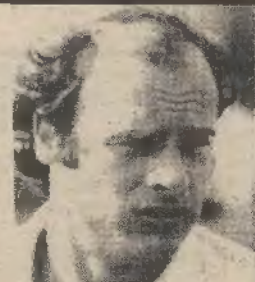
1980: Brisbane City v Heidelberg 7-0.

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Oliver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

REFEREE: D. Nugent
Linesmen: A. Kibbler
W. Turkington

Next week: Heidelberg v Sydney City



McMillan



Lucchesi

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton. Coach: P. Ollerton.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

Next week: Blacktown v Preston

PAST RESULTS:

Preston v Lions for the first time.

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lownes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas
Linesmen: N. Karlich
D. Fokianos

Next week: Lions v Adelaide City



Niven

SCOREBOARD

About 100 lucky people left the Marconi Stadium early and had the good fortune to remember and savor the sight of a good soccer game having witnessed the clash between the two youth teams.

The event which started at 3pm made the Marconi crowd happy only for two reasons: the two points and a win over a so-called top team while the Slickers' fans must have been really miserable.

The first half was a catastrophe.

The first real shot on goal only came in the 27th minute through Sydney City while Marconi's only threats on the Slickers' goal came through three potentially

MISERABLE

dangerous moves in the last five minutes of the first period which resulted in a comfortable save by Clarke, a 'dive' by Sharne and an off-side ruling against Jankovics and Krncevic just on halftime.

In the opening 15 minutes of the second half Marconi had three good scoring chances.

The first saw Bruce dispossessed by Krncevic who pushed the ball to Jankovics, but his shot was deflected wide by Clarke's leg.

Jankovics returned the favour, sending a cross to the far post for Krncevic and his point blank header brought a

world class save by Clarke in the 57th minute.

A minute later Marconi scored the winner.

Henderson took a freekick from the centre circle, Krncevic beat O'Connor in the air and Jankovics gave Clarke no chance with a low drive.

Thirty seconds later Barnes was unlucky to miss a Cant cross with the goal at his mercy.

In the 63rd minute Souness was sent off for an attempt to strike Byrne after being already cautioned in the first half.

City with 10 men showed some fighting

spirit, but with only Kosmina up front well marked by Mariani, with Boden running from deep and Watson playing pulled back into midfield, they didn't look capable of scoring.

Even so Watson and Kosmina had shots blocked in the penalty area in the last five minutes.

Referee Barry Harwood, brought over from Perth, had an unhappy match, never asserting authority.

The PSL should look more closely at allocations of matches to referees, for assigning a Perth referee to a Sydney match seems an extravagant and pointless waste of money.

— Joe Marton

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY 1-0(0-0)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Degney (4)	Mariani (5)	Maher (3)	Henderson (4)	Brogan (3)
Housseini (2)	Byrne (3)	Johnson (2)		
Krncevic (3)	Jankovicx (3)	Sharne (2)		
Boden (2)	Kosmina (2)	Watson (3)		
Cant (2)	Souness (1)	Barnes (3)		
Bruce (3)	O'Connor (3)	Spanos (3)	Mullen (4)	
	Clarke (5)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacement: Robertson (70m) for Barnes.
Goal: Jankovics (58m).

Referee: B. Harwood — Crowd: 6,165 — Cautions: Henderson, Jankovics, Souness, Byrne, Kosmina — Sent off: Souness.

Olympic Park was not at its best for the visit of Adelaide City, due to the heavy rain plus a strong northerly wind.

The heavy going would slow play down, although Adelaide hit their straps right from the start.

Meantime, Heidelberg were having lots of problems getting motivated with any degree of skill, as only Rooney, Selemidis and Yzendoorn showed enough get up and go.

Bob Provan was given the task of shadowing Justin Fashanu, much to the Norwich player's annoyance.

Melta showed much improved form since the beginning of this season, and was involved in much of the

"FASH" OFF

early spade work.

Brian Northcote began the move which saw Charles Villani capably pick up a through pass to split the Heidelberg defence and bore down on Jeff Oliver to score in the 11th minute, under spirited backing from Fashanu.

The more consistent Adelaide side were putting Brian Northcote through, when John Yzendoorn earned a yellow card by grabbing the arm of Northcote close to the box.

Adelaide's pressure seemed to bring an upsurge in corner by

Heidelberg, whose defence at this time was decidedly shaky.

Adelaide were enjoying the liberty of the park, with Fashanu, Northcote and Villani spread wide.

The first four minutes into the second half were the deciding ones for the home team, when Jim Tansey brought Northcote down in the penalty area, and John Nyskohus duly converted the spot kick.

Straight from the centre spot, Selemidis gave Cole a splendid through pass, and Cole obliged to reduce the lead.

This was Heidelberg's best period, and they

were in full cry for the equaliser.

Fashanu, at this point, went berserk and ended up sitting on the coaches bench for the remainder of the game.

Heidelberg's chances diminished when Jim Tansey was carried off with an ankle injury, with Irish import Monagle replacing him.

Both Selemidis and Yzendoorn went close with good shots, and Paton also tried with a great shot, but fortune did not smile for them.

Marocchi and Melta went close enough in the dying minutes for Adelaide, but that penalty gave Adelaide a well deserved victory for their consistency.

— Jock Stephen

HEIDELBERG v ADELAIDE CITY 1-2(0-1)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

McMillan (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Olver (3)	Provan (4)	Tansey (4)
Yankos (3)	J. Campbell (3)	Rooney (5)		
Selemidis (4)	Paton (3)	Cole (3)		
Melta (4)	J. Nyskohus (4)	Fashanu (1)		
Northcote (4)	Marocchi (3)	Villani (4)		
B. Nyskohus (4)	Perin (4)	Jones (4)	Russell (4)	
	Przybylski (3)			

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Bozikas (51m) for Yankos, Monagle (69m) for Tansey.
Goals: 0-1 Villani (11m), 0-2 J. Nyskohus (49m, pen.), 1-2 G. Cole (50m).
Referee: R. Mee (ACT) — Crowd: 4,300 — Cautions: Fashanu, Yzendoorn — Sent off: Fashanu.

Neither team managed to enhance its reputation by playing out a drab match with only a minimum of flair.

Olympic were quite horrid in the first half, unable to string three passes into one continuous move; it looked as if Tommy Docherty had taken his recipe with him.

True, there was some promising early action which filled fans with hope.

In the fourth minute the polished Zeros surged forward, unchallenged and unleashed a mean drive to hit the post.

Some five minutes later, following a corner, Ratcliffe climbed to the clouds, easily outjum-

LOST IN HAZE

ping the goalie and headed in the cleanest, most legitimate goal you would ever wish to see.

But referee Rampley saw some mysterious infringement — probably expecting one — and disallowed the goal.

A period of tedium set in and while the pitch was slowly enveloped in smoke from the shashlik stall, the players proceeded to give a dull, uninspired display.

Then, suddenly, the visitors went ahead. In the 32nd minute goalie Wilson dropped a high cross and Paul Wilkinson prodded the ball in from a few metres.

Having been the more

coherent of the two teams in the first half, Brisbane City withdrew in its shell after the interval.

The strikers vanished and could no longer be found, allowing Olympic to take over completely.

The usual, traditional Olympic charge gradually took shape and the siege on Coe's goal intensified.

There were chances galore but they were missed: Ken Wilson (twice) and Jennings slammed shots miles over the bar, earning the ten-finger Greek curse of the prostrate fans.

But the equaliser simply had to come and it

duly arrived in the 77th minute.

After a wild scramble in Coe's goalmouth and some nervous miskicks, Rowden poked the ball in from close range.

Some five minutes from the end a header was cleared on the line by B. Wilkinson — and that was just about Olympic's last chance to win the game.

Neither team impressed much; skill and method were lost in the shashlik haze.

Perhaps only the confident and polished Zeros deserves kudos for his performance; most others merely prodded on like tradesmen forced to earn time and a half on Sunday afternoon.

— Andrew Dettre

OLYMPIC v BRISBANE CITY 1-1 (0-1)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (3)	Zeros (5)	P. Wilson (3)	Rowden (4)	Palmer (3)
Laing (3)	Katholos (3)	Cross (2)		
Scott (2)	K. Wilson (3)	Jennings (4)		
Palinkas (3)	P. Wilkinson (2)	McVeigh (2)		
Gaffney (4)	Pimblett (4)	Vincenzino (3)		
R. Wilkinson (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (4)	Caldwell (3)	
	Cole (4)			

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cotton (46m) for Cross, Perry (79m) for Vincenzino.
Goals: 0-1 P. Wilkinson (32m), 1-1 Rowden (77m).
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 5,346 — Caution: Ratcliffe.

What a wonderful game of soccer this was, a game that had everything: two good teams playing good football, both obviously chasing two points and prepared to go look for the goals necessary to take them.

On the day, Lions got the goals that mattered and that was the difference between the two sides.

Laumets was first into action when Hogg tested him with a long drive and the 'keeper handled it well.

Then, Alun Evans broke through the Lions backline and sent a neat chip over Lowndes' head but a magnificent back

TOP STUFF

dive allowed a finger tip deflection around the post.

Both sets of players were stroking the ball around beatifully with Lions making up for South Melbourne's "skill edge" with honest endeavour.

Lions went ahead when Hermiston placed a freekick into the area.

The ball was headed clear but Hogg maintained the pressure by putting it back into a ruck of players from where it landed at Daunt's feet.

The tall youngster hammered it home from

6 metres.

This goal gave Lions a confidence boost and if anything the game lifted in standard as the Melbourne machine went looking for the equaliser.

Davidson, Christopoulos and Shirra worked hard at setting up chances but always Lowndes and company matched their efforts and the score remained the same until halftime.

The second half was only a minute old when Daunt hammered another great shot straight at Laumets.

Campbell answered

immediately by screwing a dangerous ball into the goal only to see Lowndes once again effect a great fingertip save.

Latchford sent away Low but Laumets charged to save the youngster's shot away with his legs.

Then the big ex-England striker set up Hogg but the midfielder blasted the ball over.

Four minutes later Latchford picked up a long Ontong clearance and in a most professional manner held off strong Xanthopoulos' challenges to slot the ball under Laumets.

— Jim Binnie

LIONS v STH. MELBOURNE 2-0(1-0)

Lions (4-3-3)

Ontong (4)	Hermiston (5)	Lowndes (5)	Bennett (5)	Niven (4)
Hogg (4)	Ferris (4)	McNaughton (4)		
Low (3)	Latchford (4)	Daunt (4)		
Wooddin (3)	Evans (4)	Campbell (4)		
Christopoulos (4)	Stevenson (3)	Shirra (4)		
Davidson (5)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Rogers (4)	V. Bannon (4)	
	Laumets (4)			

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cumming (72m) for Stevenson, Wilson (78m) for McNaughton.
Goals: 1-0 Daunt (23m), 2-0 Latchford (61m).
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 3,420 — Cautions: Bennett, Cumming.



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NEWCASTLE v LEICHHARDT 4-1 (3-0)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (4)	Mason (4)	Dando (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Tredinnick (4)
Senkalski (5)	Sumner (5)	Channon (5)		
Heys (5)	Mountford (4)	Jones (4)		
	O'Connor (4)	Soper (4)		
Kafka (4)	Butler (3)	Hughes (3)	Bradley (5)	
McAusland (3)	Pullen (3)	Wilson (3)	Coyne (2)	
	Woodhouse (3)			

Leichhardt (4-4-2)

Replacements: Gray (45m) for Coyne, Storey (57m) for Mountford, Kamasz (80m) for Channon.
Goals: 1-0 Channon (10m), 2-0 Sumner (15m), 3-0 Mountford (23m), 3-1 Soper (70m), 4-1 Heys (83m).
Referee: E. Venios (Vic.) — Crowd: 6,850 — Cautions: H. Tredinnick.

It is doubtful whether any PSL side could have withstood the sheer artistry and bubbling enthusiasm of Newcastle's first half performance in which the Raiders built up a three-goal lead.

Central defenders Mark Pullen and Peter Wilson must have felt like trespassers on a busy freeway, such was the relentless pressure placed on them in a memorable opening period.

Led by that wonderful entertainer Mick Channon, the Newcastle players seemed determined to match the Southampton star's style and endeavour to produce an amazing degree of scintillating football.

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Channon notched his third goal in his brief but memorable stay with Newcastle and the Sports Centre won't be quite the same place without his captivating presence.

Channon's goal arrived in the 10th minute with a viciously struck ball, followed five minutes later with a decisive header from Steve Sumner, who out-jumped a shell-shocked Peter Wilson in the air.

Despite Newcastle's dominance there was always danger in the attacking ability of Phil O'Connor and Marshall Soper, the latter being engaged in some hefty

jousts with Newcastle skipper Roy Drinkwater.

But the 23rd minute spelt a lethal blow to Leichhardt when Bob Mountford scored the goal of the match, latching on to a superb through pass from Sumner to stretch the netting behind a stunned Greg Woodhouse.

What a heartening sight for soccer was the standing ovation given to the home players as they left the field at half-time, justifiably proud of their display.

The first half attacking efforts had their effect in the second session and Leichhardt emerged as a

better organised side with John Bradley master-minding most of the frontal movements.

Spectacular work by goalkeeper Phil Dando kept the Leichhardt strikers out until Soper was rewarded for his hard working display in the 70th minute.

A blistering effort from O'Connor was saved in brilliant style by Dando and Butler showed Leichhardt's never-say-die spirit with a skilled header which skimmed the crossbar.

But the effort was all in vain when an overjoyed Graham Heys despatched an out-of-character "daisy cutter" past Woodhouse to cap an effervescent display.

— Myles Hay

FOOTSCRAY v PRESTON 2-1 (1-0)

Footscray (4-4-2)

Milne (4)	O'Reilly (4)	Boland (5)	Kondarios (6)	Kyriakoules (1)
Ilioski (5)	Licanin (2)	Kakantonis (4)		
Cozzella (4)	Verweij (4)	Lujic (5)		
	Whittle (3)	Ollerton (4)	Cullen (5)	
	Boyle (3)	Flavell (3)	Farrell (6)	
Beech (4)	McMillan (4)	McCluskey (3)	Ralney (3)	
	Kastner (3)			

Preston (4-3-3)

Replacements: Hazabent (50m) for Licanin, Faulkner (61m) for Ralney.
Goals: 1-0 Ilioski (10m), 1-1 Cullen (73m), 2-1 Milne (87m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 5,000 — Cautions: Kyriakoules, Licanin — Sent off: Kyriakoules (48m).

Centre back Jim Kondarios re-emerged as a dominant figure in Footscray's improving chances of avoiding relegation with a superb performance at the heart of the defence to lead the Eagles to their most important win of the season.

Playing with 10 men for all of the second half and pinned back in defence for long periods against the wind, Kondarios led the back four by example, nullifying the threat of Peter Ollerton in the air to cut out Preston's best avenue to goal.

This was so prevalent that the only time Ollerton outjumped Kondarios Preston got its goal in the 73rd minute.

SLIPPERY

Ollie headed down a cross from the left to Robbie Cullen and the busy winger hit the ball home from inside the six yard box.

The goal levelled the scores at 1-1 after Footscray had protected an early lead for over an hour despite playing with 10 men.

Zoki Ilioski opened the score after 10 minutes running onto the loose ball unmarked in the area after Lou Kastner had parried Bruno Cozzella's first shot.

Footscray was reduced to 10 men three minutes into the second half when Kyriakoules was or-

dered off for a deliberate handling offence near the halfway line.

The defender who had been marking Robbie Cullen had been booked for a foul in the first half and referee Tim Davies had no alternative but to send him off.

Footscray then sacrificed a man out of midfield to bring on a second defender, Igor Hazabent, to tag Cullen for the rest of the match.

Preston, in a frantic panic because the relegation threat is a reality, rushed into the transfer market during the week buying two midfielders Peter Boyle from West Adelaide and

Isaac Farrell from Canberra.

After the equaliser both sides would have settled for a point and the match was heading for a draw until a bad goalkeeping mistake decided the issue in the dying minutes.

Jim Milne made a dash upfield from fullback and with space opening up ahead of him let go a shot from 20 metres which Kastner had well covered.

Surprisingly the ball slipped through his hands into the back of the net.

The win pushes Footscray into 13th position and gives the Eagles heart from the vital home stretch of the season.

— Paul Galea

WEST ADELAIDE v CANBERRA 1-1 (0-1)

West Adelaide (4-4-2)

McGregor (5)	Forde (5)	Crook (5)	Kambas (3)	Bozanic (3)
Topaz (5)	Honeyman (3)	Smythe (3)	Brown (4)	
	Manecas (4)	Kowalski (4)		
	Gibson (3)	Brennan (5)		
Cole (3)	McLaren (4)	Purdie (3)	J. O'Shea (3)	
M. O'Shea (4)	Byrne (4)	R. O'Shea (4)	Moutsopoulos (3)	
	Wilson (4)			

Canberra (4-4-2)

Replacements: Valeri (72m) for Purdie, Lorenzoni (77m) for Smythe.
Goals: 0-1 McLaren (29m), 1-1 Manecas (66m).
Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 4,300 — Cautions: Nil.

West Adelaide Hawks proved conclusively in this tough encounter that survival instincts can provide powerful motivation.

Westad had hung out the warning signs in previous games with gutsy displays against Sydney City and Newcastle and by eliminating Brisbane City from the Phillips Cup.

But, with this draw against highly ranked Canberra, they demonstrated clearly that they have the potential and determination to escape relegation.

Protecting an unbeaten record at Hindmarsh against Canberra, they hustled, chased and pressured

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their favored opponents and in the end were well worth a point and a trifle unlucky not to have earned both.

Westad might have eased their demotion fears further if Robert O'Shea (in the first half) and Terry Byrne (in the second half), had not cleared attempts from Manecas and Brown off the goal-line.

They were Westad's post-match recriminations, but Don McLaren also had complaints that he should have had a penalty when Vic Bozanic tackled him during the first half.

With Ian McKie, on

Youth Socceros duty, and Zoran Maricic sidelined with a fractured nose, new Westad coach Peter Jaksa was forced into yet another formation reshuffle against the settled Arrows.

Shraga Topaz, safe, reliable and constructive in his usual sweeper role, was switched to the midfield, while Ian McGregor for the second successive week started at full-back.

Topaz, Graham Honeyman, Tim Brown and Vic Smythe established almost immediate mining rights to the centre, even though

Canberra had first use of the strong wind.

But success arrived for Arrows at the 29th minute mark when McLaren hit the target with a sensational 30-metre drive which fairly whistled past Crook and into the roof of the net.

High-scoring Manecas grabbed the equaliser for Westad 21 minutes into the second half with an amazing angled shot from the right pocket which eluded the bobbing heads of both friend and foe to crash into the left hand side of the net.

— Allan Crisp

BLACKTOWN v WOLLONGONG 0-1 (0-0)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Djordjevic (3)	Cuk (3)	James (3)	Pointer (3)	Rasmussen (3)
Selvaige (4)	Hormazabal (3)	O'Donnell (3)		
Culina (3)	Turner (3)	Burrows (4)		
	Morton (3)	Lathan (3)		
P. Tredinnick (4)	Dunleavy (4)	Adam (3)	McBreen (3)	
Ainsworth (3)	Bertogna (3)	De Graaf (3)	Willis (3)	
	Vardareff (4)			

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacements: Jones (46m) for O'Donnell, Campbell (46m) for Morton.
Goal: Tredinnick (76m).
Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 2,965 — Cautions: Adam, Rasmussen, Jones.

Wollongong in their initial visit to the Gabble Stadium paid their hosts the compliment of reversing the roles of their first round encounter.

Playing a 4-4-2 formation it was quite obvious Wollongong were playing for a point and the chance of breaking St. George's 1977 record of 14 drawn matches.

Having no option but to attack, the Demons looked promising up to their opponents penalty area where their finishing was inexcusably horrid.

Wollongong were a little better and their sporadic attacks caused little concern to the Demon's defence.

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The ever so patient home supporters tried in vain to lift their side but the first half would have been better left to the imagination.

The highlight was Cuk's scooped clearance which narrowly missed giving the visitors the lead in the 30th minute.

A minute later a delicate flick by Turner from O'Donnell's freekick flew past the post.

Both teams tried to add fire to their respective forward lines by bringing on recognised strikers Campbell and Jones at half-time.

Blacktown pressed hard, but nothing would go their way.

With Milovanovic and Wheatley unavailable, Djordjevic was called upon to play in defence, thus robbing the side of its main weapon on the right flank.

However, whenever he did move forward, support was badly missing.

Campbell was busy on the left for the Wolves, but he also found himself without sufficient help to prise open the Blacktown defence.

The best chance of the game fell to Jim McBreen in the 61st minute

when two Blacktown defenders failed to clear a square pass across the goalmouth but his attempt at a shot left him comically swiping at thin air.

After 76 minutes the goal finally did come.

Wollongong worked a move over a freekick on the edge of the Demons' penalty area and Tredinnick shot into the advancing wall.

Referee Reeves insisted that the kick be retaken as the defenders encroached on the nine metres.

The second attempt saw Tredinnick's shot squeeze through the wall and past James.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

COCA-COLA BOTTLEERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



P'matta ready for some more shocks

"When that Canterbury equaliser went in last week my heart sank," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

"Not for myself, but for the players who had tried so hard and so well for 90 minutes only to be denied by what I personally thought was a bad refereeing decision.

"But I suppose when you are in the 'wrong' half of the table things are bound to go against you," he said.

Bob said he felt the team was at last playing their soccer with a bit of fun and enjoyment.

"It makes a world of difference," Bob said.

"The team is creating far more chances and we are taking them as well.

"Steve Montgomery in the forward line is a driving force who keeps dragging the rest of the team along with him.

"His presence has also meant that a lot of pressure has been taken

off Jim Herron and he, too, is starting to enjoy his game more."

Bob said the recent addition of Vic Juchniewicz from Croatia was the move that he feels could prove vital in Parramatta's survival this year.

"Vic is providing a very stable atmosphere in the middle of the park.

"He is never rushed and has good vision to cut out opponents' passes as well as spraying passes of his

own."

Bob also feels that his backline has been playing much more solidly in recent weeks.

"It helps the defenders when they know that they will get support from their midfield colleagues," Bob said.

"The defence has been a lot tighter and more flexible to meet attackers.

"Individually, I think Percy Biglands is playing some of the best soccer of his career and is certainly surprising a lot of people, while in goal Dennis Donovan is consistently safe," he said.

"The present situation fills me with confidence for the remainder of the season and I firmly believe we will cause a few more upsets this year," Bob added.



Alan Fisher, the Riverwood striker — and once a Western Suburbs starlet — in action last weekend. Pictures by Andrew Jacob.

'Town tune up for big clash

Bankstown are still anchored firmly to the bottom of the State League, yet the club refuses to look at the situation pessimistically and is determined to fight its way out of trouble, according to club officials.

Secretary Jim Giffin said he felt the side was at last starting to get out of its form slump which has resulted in most of the 12 losses this year — more losses than by any other team.

"We admit that the team has been playing badly in some games, dropping points against opponents we should have beaten," Jim said.

"But the general feeling now is that we have reached the turning point.

"Last week against North Sydney we showed a lot more aggression, positive thinking and attacking ideas.

"To come back from being 0-2 down and then go within an inch of winning is something that not many bottom placed sides could do.

"I think it shows that the side is on the way up," Jim said.

He said this week's match against Auburn was virtually a "grand final" for the club.

"We are preparing for it in that way," Jim added.

"We realise just how important to our hopes for survival this game is.

"If we lose then we are in a very awkward position, but we're confident a win will be the springboard from which we move out of danger."

Jim said part of the reason for the team's form improvement was the return to the side of several players who have been sidelined through injury or other reasons.

"A classic case is John Nocera who has missed seven matches this year.

"He is one of our young players who has come through the ranks and he is a classy ball-player who has added control to midfield.

"But he has been twice suspended for two-week stints and then missed three weeks through injury.

"Greg King, just recently returned to us from England, has also been hit with injuries.

"Greg is only 18 and as part of our junior development program we sent him to England for five months where he trained and played with Birmingham City.

"The experience has transformed him into a player with great vision. He is far more mature than when he left, and he was just getting into his stride when he was injured," Jim said.

Jim added that Bankstown had pulled something of an unusual switch last week in the North Sydney game when they pushed Chris Rootsey up into the forward line.

Chris, who is usually the centre back or sweeper, had a great match as central striker and scored two goals.

"We know that Chris will come in for some attention, but he knows all the tricks of defence and his performance last week was no fluke.

"We feel he'll prove an awkward customer for Auburn this week," Jim added.



Warren Turnbull, a former Western Suburbs and Blacktown star (left), now with Avala, rises high to head a ball clear from Riverwood attackers last weekend.

Veteran helps

"We are a little surprised with how well we have done this year on such a limited budget," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera.

"At this stage last year we were further down the table and we knew our run for the top four was too late.

"But we are still confident of making the final four this season," he said.

Joe said the club had not spent much money this year on players.

"We have added a few players to the first team squad, but they have been what I'd call 'astute purchases'," he said.

"We bought Mark Francis from Canberra Arrows' ACT team for a limited sum, and then settled the transfer of Joe Arguero from Canberra after he was on loan to us for a year last season.

"And we obtained Gino Caputo on free transfer from Belconnen United," Joe said.

Joe added that Gino had been thrown in at the deep end this year.

He was bought as a back up to Nick Antonopoulos, but Nick had received an injury early in the season.

"We didn't want to throw Gino into the team, but circumstances

forced it on us," he said. "He is still a little inexperienced, but he's learning fast.

"He has to. In some matches his inexperience stands out, but he more than makes up for it with keenness and enthusiasm.

"Gino also has a lot of talent and with work he'll be a good keeper," Joe said.

"We've continued our policy of throwing our net far and wide for talent this year.

"Walter Valeri came from Griffith, and now we have both Reg Sheridan and David Johnson from Goulburn.

"Both lads travel to Queanbeyan three times a week for training and then for matches, and their dedication is an incentive for others in the club," he said.

Joe said it was also good to see players like John Ashford getting a go in the first team.

"Reg, John and David are all products of our 'youth policy' and it's pleasing to see them in the first team," he said.

Joe said the social club was doing fairly well this year, but was not booming.

"The Marco Polo club, from where we get the money to operate the soccer team, is based

largely on a lot of people involved in the building trade.

"You wouldn't have to be a genius to realise that there is a slump in that industry at present, especially in Queanbeyan and the ACT where a lot of them have work.

"As a result the club isn't exactly flush with money.

"We were told at the start of the season we would have to reduce our spending and we've done our best.

"They've come through with some money when we've needed it, but we realise the problems.

"That's why our sponsorship with Readymix is so important to us," Joe said.

Joe said he wanted to give a bit of praise to the club's long serving goalkeeper Laurie Palec.

"Laurie has been with us for many years now, but at the start of the season decided to give the playing side away.

"However Nick got injured and we promoted Gino into the first team, leaving a gap in reserve grade.

— and very well too, I might add," Joe said.

"The boys haven't set the competition alight, but at least they aren't propping up the table," Joe added.

DUGGIE QUILTS

Former Australian international Doug Utjesenovic last Monday night resigned as coach of Avala.

"There was a bit of internal strife within the club, especially with one or two players who couldn't accept discipline," he said.

"I am not bitter about it all. I intend to continue coaching when I get a chance."

Meanwhile, Canterbury and their coach John Xipolitas have also parted company.

Club official Con Tzavellas said the coach had a disagreement with some members of the committee and had resigned as a result.

His resignation was accepted and the club's reserve grade coach Steve Stojic, formerly a player with the great Yugal sides of the 60s, has been appointed in John's place.

Croatia fills up gaps

Croatia caused a major stir within the State League at the start of the season when they virtually went 'berserk' with their cheque book and bought players left right and centre to build the present team.

Now they have again splurged out and added four new players only days before the transfer deadline expired last week.

"We were really forced into the transfer market again," said Croatia president Tony Topic.

"We have had some really bad injuries to key players, and because of a lack of depth of talent we have had to keep those players on the field."

Croatia have signed Hilton Silva from Sydney City, and three North Sydney players.

They are Tom Stevens, Jim Bottalico and Alex Bottalico, the sons of North Sydney coach Fil.

"Alex Kovacic has been playing with a leg injury, while Lee Sperry has just recently suffered a knee injury which

could keep him out for the rest of the season.

"As well, Kevin Dobson and Kevin Coleman have been playing, but with injuries," Tony said.

"We decided to buy some players to cover for them," he said.

Tony said that the new purchases meant there was a fairly large squad of players in the club now.

"We will re-assess our staff position at the end of the year," he said.

Tony said that the transfer deadline was now past and they could not get rid of any players now, but once the season ended he was certain that several players would be placed on the transfer list.

He said a lot would depend on the future of the club next year.

Tony said the moves towards a 'Super League' in NSW interested him greatly.

"It is an intriguing idea, which could be a much more economically attractive proposition than the PSL," Tony said.

SPIDER'S NET

With
Allan Maher



There is something peculiar about this system of yellow and red cards.

While some players go on week after week demolishing everything and everybody in their way, referees keep issuing cautions for slap-and-tickle offences.

One has the feeling that many referees don't do enough homework on the players they are to control.

Most of us know who the vicious players in the game are — so why don't the referees?

If the card-system is to stay, then the number of penalty points which players accumulate must be increased.

At present the maximum is 12 before you have to serve an automatic one-match suspension.

Now that the PSL is bigger and much more competitive, the limit should be increased to at least 20 points.

Better still would be to dispense with the card-system altogether and go back to the old days where each case is presented on its merits.

One of the Sydney dailies must have been hard up for a story last week when they ran a piece with the headline 'Barnes to keep goal.'

It was referring to Murray Barnes and the fact that he would be in goal should anything happen to any of Sydney City's three goalkeepers.

Just how gullible do some newspapers think we are?

Goalkeeping is a specialised position and needs to be played by a specialist goalkeeper.

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A couple of weeks ago following an article I wrote on the next national team goalie, a journalist from Adelaide, a Mr. Tout-sidis made some comments about what I had to say.

What I want to know is what gives him the right to question my THOUGHTS on the matter?

This country is full of journalists who know nothing about soccer so why is he going out of his way to join the club?

Having played top soccer for the past 12 years I think I should know who is or is not a recognised authority on the game.

But I'm afraid I have never heard about this gentleman.

Maybe next time I'm in Adelaide somebody will introduce me to him and he can throw some light on the subject as to what his qualifications are.

YOU CAN GO TO UNI WITH ACE COACH

Former Scottish star Willie Wallace, now Leichhardt coach, will follow his outstandingly successful 1981 University of New England Soccer Camp with two more camps at the UNE in January 1982.

The camps are the first of their kind to have Australian Soccer Federation endorsement.

In response to many requests, the camps will cater for girls as well as boys, a decision which recognises that women's soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia.

The University of New England's centralised sporting and residential facilities are generally recognised as the best in Australia.

They provide a base for the University's extensive community recreation programme which covers everything from keep-fit classes for housewives to children's sports camps.

In addition to the Willie Wallace Soccer Camps, the University also hosts the Ken Hiscoe Squash Camps, the Newcombe-Roche Tennis Camps and the John Hipwell Rugby Union Camps.

The University of New England is in a healthy bushland setting on the outskirts of Armidale in the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales, 1,000 metres above sea level. The climate is excellent for soccer, even in the summer.

Campers live in comfortable single rooms in a University college which also has ample space for lectures and seminars.



Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace.

The sports facilities which members of the Willie Wallace Soccer Camp use include 12 hectares of playing fields with four, large, floodlit fields; a large, multi-purpose, indoor recreation centre with facilities for indoor soccer and fitness training; a 25-metre, heated, indoor swimming pool; eight squash courts; eight tennis courts; and a fitness trail centred on the University's creeklands.

A number of distinguished visiting coaches and lecturers, including Eric Worthington, the National Director of Soccer Coaching, will also fly to Armidale to participate

in particular aspects of the Camps.

The Camps will be based on the latest European and South American methods with the campers programmed from 7am to 9.30pm daily.

Scholarships, with free travel and subsistence, will again be offered for training with a Philips League Club.

If Willie Wallace identifies a boy with outstanding talent, the University of New England Sports Union will provide a scholarship to send the boy to Britain to train with a first-division club.

Willie Wallace and other experts will conduct special seminars for coaches and parents.

Unqualified coaches will be prepared and examined for an Australian Soccer Federation award during the camps.

With free tennis, swimming, squash and sauna, coaches and parents will be able to improve their fitness at their own pace while developing their understanding of the world's major sport with a world-class coach.

Sponsorship from Dunlop Footwear, East-West Airlines, Mr. Jucy and Schweppes has helped the University of New England put together a total package

which combines an invaluable soccer experience with an inexpensive summer holiday. The 1982 camps will be held from January 3 to 9 and from January 10 to 16.

All inquiries about the University of New England Willie Wallace Soccer Camps should be directed to the Sports Union, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, 2351 (telephone 067 72 2811, 9.45am to 4.45pm weekdays).

Applications which will be treated on a first-come-first served basis, close on October 31.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

The feature match of last week's round saw second placed Leichhardt travel to Newcastle where they shared the points in a hard fought match.

Substitute John McKie scored the equaliser for the Sydneyiders.

Leichhardt should have taken both points after hitting the woodwork four times.

In Sydney, the Slickers' youth team took on Marconi at Marconi Oval.

Another tight tussle saw another 1-1 draw. The Slickers' took the lead early in the second half after the linesman ruled that the ball had crossed the line in a goalmouth scrimmage.

However, the young Leopards replied with a well taken goal by Tommy McCulloch, son of former Pan Hellenic stalwart George McCulloch.

LAST WEEK:

Blacktown v Wollongong 1-3
Newcastle v Leichhardt 1-1
Marconi v Sydney City 1-1

THIS WEEK:

Leichhardt v AIS, Lamberi Pk
W'gong v N'castle, W'gong
Syd. City v Olympic, Syd. Athl. Fld
Canberra v Marconi, Bruce Sted.
(all at 12.30pm on Sunday, July 5)
AIS v W'gong, Barton Park
(6pm, Wednesday, July 1)

Marconi	18	10	4	2	43	15	24
Leichhardt	15	10	3	2	38	18	23
A.I.S.	16	9	3	4	40	24	21
Newcastle	16	8	5	3	34	29	21
Sydney City	15	5	5	5	34	23	15
Olympic	18	5	5	6	21	20	15
Wollongong	18	5	1	10	24	42	11
Blacktown	14	2	1	11	18	35	5
Canberra	12	—	1	11	8	50	1

BLANCO COOL



Raul Blanco calm and collected at Sunday's game with Ron Corry his assistant next to him.

Marconi coach Raul Blanco was possibly the only person last Sunday quite unperturbed about his possible sacking.

He arrived at the stadium in a calm mood,

went through the usual pre-match routine, spoke quietly to the players and issued no special instructions.

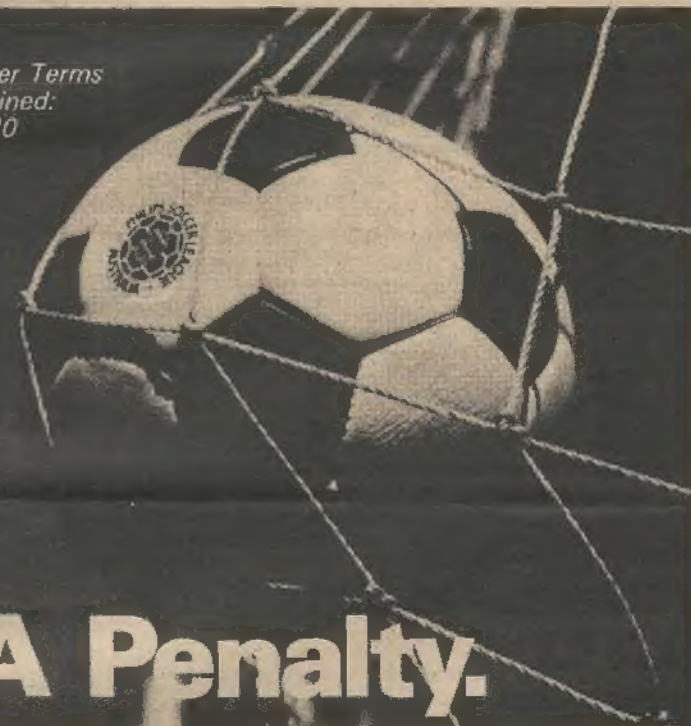
After the game he remained equally calm. There was no celebration, not even broad smiles with an "I told-you" look.

The win over Sydney City has certainly kept his job safe with Marconi, at least for the time being.

And if his team can start winning, all dismissal threats may subside.



Soccer Terms
explained:
No. 10



A Penalty.

Should a player commit an infringement within the "penalty-area"—a defined space extending from the goal line into the field of play—a penalty kick is awarded from the penalty mark 12 yards from mid-point of the goal line. The goal keeper must stand on the goal line without moving his feet until the ball is kicked.

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Croatia	15	3	—	48	13	33				
St. George	15	2	—	84	8	32				
Melita	13	2	3	43	13	28				
Sutherland	8	3	6	22	17	19				
Polonia	8	3	6	19	22	19				
Monaro	7	4	7	25	34	18				
Canterbury	5	6	7	28	35	16				
Riverwood	7	2	7	21	29	16				
N. Sydney	4	5	8	22	33	13				
Manly	4	3	10	19	28	11				
Avala	4	2	11	19	41	10				
P. Matia	4	2	12	16	40	10				
Auburn	4	1	11	11	28	9				
Bankstown	3	2	12	18	38	8				

GRADE 2										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
St. George	10	6	2	50	14	26				
Croatia	11	4	2	31	14	26				
Melita	10	5	3	32	12	25				
Canterbury	10	4	4	32	16	24				
Riverwood	9	4	4	33	14	22				
Sutherland	8	4	6	27	20	20				
Manly	7	5	5	33	21	19				
N. Sydney	7	4	7	21	31	18				
Bankst.	5	3	8	19	27	13				
Auburn	5	3	8	17	29	13				
P. Matia	3	6	8	14	36	12				
Monaro	2	5	10	12	32	9				
Avala	2	5	10	12	33	9				
Polonia	2	2	13	9	33	6				

GRADE 3										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Bankst.	12	2	2	44	19	26				
Riverwood	8	5	2	29	16	21				
Canterbury	8	4	6	36	20	20				
Auburn	9	1	4	39	10	19				
Manly	8	3	4	33	23	19				
Sutherland	9	1	4	24	14	19				
Melita	6	5	6	28	24	17				
St. George	8	—	7	25	20	16				
Polonia	5	4	7	20	20	14				
Croatia	5	4	6	24	38	14				
N. Sydney	2	2	11	14	38	8				
P. Matia	2	2	12	11	41	6				
Avala	1	1	13	13	45	3				

DIVISION 1										
GRADE 1										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Kuringal	13	3	2	36	10	29				
Woll. Utd.	11	4	3	39	12	26				
Blacktown	11	3	4	33	13	25				
Yugal	10	5	2	37	21	25				
Fairy Mdw	10	4	4	36	17	24				
Bathurst	7	4	7	10	26	18				
Penrith	5	7	5	21	27	17				
Warrington	4	8	8	31	38	14				
N. Bankst.	4	5	9	21	32	13				
Gladesv.	4	4	9	15	22	12				
Guildford	4	4	11	17	34	12				
Belmore	2	7	8	13	33	11				
Uni NSW	4	3	10	21	42	11				
Revesby	3	3	11	24	38	9				

GRADE 2										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Fairy Mdw	11	4	3	43	15	26				
Kuringal	10	8	2	36	14	26				
Blacktown	9	4	5	25	17	22				
Revesby	8	4	5	31	17	20				
Woll. Utd.	9	2	8	33	31	20				
Guildford	8	4	6	28	28	20				
Gladesv.	7	5	4	23	15	19				
Penrith	6	3	6	21	19	19				
Yugal	7	4	6	24	22	18				
Belmore	6	6	5	19	19	18				
N. Bankst.	7	3	7	25	31	17				
Warrington	2	5	11	17	33	9				
Uni NSW	3	2	12	20	44	8				
Bathurst	—	2	16	6	55	2				

GRADE 3										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Kuringal	16	1	1	83	14	33				
Gladesv.	11	4	1	38	16	26				
Fairy Mdw	11	2	5	36	19	24				
Woll. Utd.	10	3	5	37	25	23				
Guildford	9	5	4	33	28	23				
Belmore	9	3	5	37	24	21				
Blacktown	7	3	7	24	29	17				
Penrith	5	7	4	15	22	17				
Bathurst	6	1	11	30	28	13				
N. Bankst.	4	4	9	13	25	12				
Revesby	4	2	11	27	31	10				
Yugal	4	—	12	27	57	8				
Warrington	2	3	12	15	62	7				
Uni NSW	—	6	11	9	56	6				

DIVISION 2										
GRADE 1										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Mt. Druitt	9	1	3	25	10	19				
N. Rocks	8	2	2	26	12	18				
M.ville	7	4	2	25	16	18				
Dee Why	7	3	1	23	8	17				
C. town	7	1	5	28	19	15				
N. Ryde	7	—	6	17	17	14				
Bonnyrigg	5	2	6	19	23	12				
Queens P.	4	2	7	16	23	10				
Lane Cove	4	4	6	11	19	8				
Riverstone	3	1	6	10	19	7				
L. pool Alb	1	3	9	13	25	5				
Glad/Horn	2	1	10	11	33	5				

GRADE 2										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Mt. Druitt	8	3	2	34	17	19				
N. Ryde	7	5	1	30	15	19				
L. pool Alb	5	4	4	15	13	14				
C. town	5	3	5	21	21	13				
Bonnyrigg	4	4	5	16	16	12				
Queens P.	4	2	8	16	21	12				
Baulk. H.	4	3	5	14	13	11				
Dee Why	4	2	5	10	10	10				
M.ville	4	2	7	20	22	10				
Riverstone	3	4	3	16	21	10				
Lane Cove	5	—	7	14	29	10				
Glad/Horn	2	4	6	14	24	8				

GRADE 3										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
L. pool Alb	10	1	2	34	12	21				
C. town	9	3	1	31	9	21				
M.ville	9	2	2	32	10	20				
Baulk. H.	9	1	2	39	7	19				
Glad/Horn	9	—	3	39	9	18				
Mt. Druitt	7	3	3	36	22	17				
Bonnyrigg	4	2	7	16	30	10				
Queens P.	5	—	8	22	39	10				
N. Ryde	3	1	9	20	38	7				
Lane Cove	1	1	10	7	31	3				
Riverstone	—	1	9	8	36	1				
Dee Why	—	1	10	8	48	1				

SCOREBOARD

DIVISION 3										
GRADE 1										
W	D	L	F	A	P					
Artarmon	7	5	1	36	10	19				
Kingsford	6	5	1	27	13	17				
Wentley	5	4	3	28	17	14				
Bondi	5	4	4	22	22	14				
East. Crk.	5	3	4	14	16	13				
Hurstville	6	1	4	15	19	13				
Paddington	4	3	5	17	14	11				
Artarmon	4	3	6	15	22	11				
Fairfield K.	4	2	7	23	25	10				
W. Ryde	3	3	7	15	26	9				
Syd. Uni	3	2	6	10	18	8				
Port Hack	3	1	7	11	31	7				

GRADE 2										
Fairfield K.	8	3	2	34	19	19				
Bondi	8	2	3	32	15	18				
East Crk.	8	2	2	30	15	18				
Paddington	7	2	3	33	21	16				
Kingsford	5	3	4	25	22	13				
Artarmon	4	3	6	28	28	11				
Wentley	3	5	4	22	22	11				
Hurstville	4	4	4	16	19	11				
Paddington	3	4	6	19	23	10				
Syd.Uni	3	3	5	16	23	9				
W.Ryde	3	3	7	16	24	9				
Port Hark	—	1	10	9	49	1				

BERRIES NOT FOR PICKING

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

While the situation at the top of the State League remained foggy after last week's series of upsets, the relegation issue became even more obscure as the bottom three teams all got points and bunched on each other.

Croatia wasted a great chance to pull away from St. George when they dropped a point to Manly, while Melita established their grip on third place with a 1-0 win over Sutherland.

This week St. George again has the toughest of the two pacesetters' matches when they face the totally unpredictable Canterbury.

Croatia meanwhile, take on dark horses North Sydney, another team renowned for causing upsets.

Saints again showed their attacking might against Polonia by pinning the Chopin Park based team to their own half for long periods.

But over anxiousness crept into their game and they pushed too much through the middle.

Canterbury, under new coach Steve Stojic, will be anxious to copy Polonia's set-up and hold out the Saints.

But they will have to plug the gaps that Parramatta found last week.

We have to tip a Saints win, 2-0.

Croatia were pushed all the way by Manly and will have to watch North Sydney this week.

Fil Bottalico has managed to weave together a bunch of inspired youngsters and a couple of seasoned 'veterans' into a team that should be better placed.

They will be a problem team for Croatia as they love to hit back fast on the counter-attack.

Croatia still look a class side despite last week's setback.

In all departments they should really have too much polish for Norths, but they must not let over eagerness creep into their game.

We tip a Croatia win 2-1.

Manly have at last added a striker to their side who can capitalise on the many chances they seem to create.

Terry Smith could be a big problem to Riverwood this week as Atti Abonyi well knows.

Although it would be a mistake for him to adopt a defensive attitude and assign a 'policeman' to Smith, he knows that the

tall ball player will have to be watched.

Riverwood have not given up hope for a final four place, but will have to get both points here.

We feel they could do that in a 1-0 win.

Melita officials have privately said they don't think they can retain their title, but if they keep winning and the pacesetters drop a few more points anything could be possible.

However, they aren't looking that far ahead yet and will concentrate on matches one week at a time, particularly this week's match against Avala.

Avala are going through a horror patch, and coach Doug Utjesenovic must be

having restless sleeps.

Observers at the Riverwood-Avala game said the team looked good until the first goal went in against them, and they then fell apart.

Utjesenovic has admitted that is his hardest task — to instill some 'fight' back into the side.

Melita will certainly be tough opponents, and with Farrugia having one of his best years with the club, along with the never aging John Stoddart, Melita should take another two points.

We tip Melita 2-0. Parramatta coach Bob Wall said several weeks ago that he believed his side had enough talent to escape relegation and move to a relatively safe position.

Their results over the past two weeks have shown that his confidence was well founded, as they first took a point from Melita, and then unluckily dropped a point to Canterbury last Saturday.

Against Sutherland they will be facing a team that plays in a similar style, which should produce an interesting game.

Without doubt the addition of Montgomery and Juchniwicz to the side has given it some much needed power, and has inspired the other players to try harder.

Sutherland are still a strong combination and will be striving hard to re-establish their grip on the fourth place.

We tip another draw for Parramatta with a few goals to entertain the spectators.

We see 2-2 as the likely result.

Some officials have quietly expressed the opinion that the State's best referee should be assigned to the Bankstown-Auburn match on Sunday at the Soccer Centre.

While they don't fear a "blood bath" they feel certain this will be a tough match, being what could be the relegation decider.

A loss for Bankstown would be virtually the death knell, while Auburn would also suffer a bitter blow if they lost.

Both teams have had what can only be described as poor seasons after promising starts, and drastic rethinking will be necessary for next year.

We tip a draw, as we think both sides will be extremely cautious, no matter what the clubs may promise before the game.

We tip a 1-1 draw.

Inter Monaro at home are a powerful side as many clubs have found out this year, but Polonia will have little fear of them this week.

Their defence is well marshalled by Billy Zounis and Anthony Galas, while Ziggy Garlowski is proving an extremely fine creative midfielder.

Up front Graham Sooke is a good partner in the Szobczyk-Sookeke -Anito Budini strike force and of course they have the magnificent Ziggy Kalinowski in goal.

Monaro are hoping Ian Heywood can keep his temper in check and again deliver the goods up front.

It could be an exciting match which should pack the Marco Polo ground.

We tip a draw, with several goals to please the fans.

A 2-2 result is our tip.

ST. GEORGE FRUSTRATED

Last week's round was fraught with upsets as both St. George and Croatia dropped points and the three bottom placed teams picked up some.

When St. George dropped a point to Polonia on Saturday everyone thought Croatia would at last pull away from the Saints by beating Manly on Sunday.

But Manly had other ideas and they pulled off the shock of the week with a gutsy 1-1 draw.

Boostered by the rushed midweek signing of Terry Smith from Sydney City, Manly caused just as many problems for Croatia as the Croatia attack did for Manly.

Referee Brian Fowler did an excellent job controlling the at times, rugged match.

Croatia took the lead in the 30th minute through Marcos Silva, but 10 minutes later Terry Smith repaid Manly with a debut goal to put the scores level.

Croatia seemed a little put off by the equaliser and weren't able to reassert their authority over the match.

St. George were denied both points against Polonia through the brilliant goalkeeping of Ziggy Kalinowski.

Several shots had St. George officials and fans celebrating certain 'goals' before Kalinowski performed miraculous saves to tip the ball away.

One second half shot from Peter Stone from 18 metres had goal written all over it as it soared towards the corner of the roof before Kalinowski

catapulted himself at the ball to deflect it away.

Saints had only themselves to blame for not taking the win, as Campbell, Marton and Stone had several easy chances which even the inspired Kalinowski could not have prevented.

But Campbell in particular missed his shots inside the penalty area and the ball went wide.

Saints played into Polonia's defensive set-up, pushing eagerly through the middle instead of playing the ball wide.

Centre backs Billy Zounis, Ricky Budini and Anthony Galas had a superb game and if St. George got past them there was always Kalinowski to face.

Riverwood improved their top four chances by taking a demoralised Avala apart in the second half of their 3-0 victory.

Riverwood coach Atti Abonyi played two 16-year-olds in Higgins and Kumsaz who repaid him with solid performances.

Tracey and Bulloch made it 2-0 before Warren Turnbull performed the coup de grace on his own side with an unfortunate own goal.

Melita and Sutherland's closely fought match could have gone either way, and Nigel Grooms will be kicking himself after missing a penalty for Sutherland.

Melita's winner came through a Farrugia penalty, a fair indication that chances from general play did not come freely because of the tight defences.

Bankstown, battling for points at the foot

of the table, got a valuable draw against North Sydney, though goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz' error cost his side a win.

Chris Rootsey got a brace of goals while John Morsello replied for Norths with Lachowicz' own goal making up Norths' scoreline.

Goals came late in the match when Auburn and Monaro met.

Jim Izatt scored for Auburn after 83 minutes and the green and golds looked set for what would have been a morale boosting win.

But almost immediately Monaro hit back through Bobby Noble who whipped home the equaliser.

There was plenty of action in the Canterbury-Parramatta match, with four goals, one coming in injury time, and one sending off.

Canterbury started the second half in a positive mood and in the 67th minute Bosganos rifled home a shot from 10 metres following a Jim Basterfield cross.

Parramatta refused to give up, and showing great character hit back three minutes later when Steve Montgomery poached a goal from a goalmouth scramble.

Jim Herron capitalised on a mix-up in the Canterbury defence but although his shot was half saved by 'Berry' goalkeeper Alex McPherson the ball rolled nicely for Montgomery to hang it home.

Parramatta started to wilt under the extra pressure of playing with ten men and Bosganos grabbed his equaliser with seconds remaining.

MANLY v CROATIA 1-1 (1-1)

Manly: Ellis, Wilson, Doyle, Kramer, Riley, Geohagan, K. Falconer, Jack (Reagan 68m), Chapman (Stuart 73m), Fox, Smith.

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, M. Kovacic, Coleman, W. Vidic, Parker, Czolnowski, Silva, Borges, Hensman.

Goals: 0-1 Silva (30m), 1-1 Smith (40m).

Referee: B. Fowler; crowd: 2,130.

RIVERWOOD v AVALA 3-0 (0-0)

Riverwood: Hansell, Higgins, Wignall, Butcher, Milas, Bulloch, Lee (Saver 55m), Tracey, Langdon, Fisher, Kumsaz.

Avala: Ahrens, Lembray, Turnbull, Bateman, Brown, Ruiz, Gogic, Fairclough, Pearson, Yousell, Young.

Goals: 1-0 Tracey, 2-0 Bulloch, 3-0 Turnbull (o.g.).

AUBURN v INTER MONARO 1-1 (0-0)

Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, Prgomelja, Bertram, Jones (Allen 22m), McDonald, Thiering, Polset (Quigley 70m), Pondekas, Bieby, Izatt.

Monaro: Caputo, Francis, Crawford, Noble, Santolin, Charles, Arquer, Ashford (Sheridan 45m), Link, Salgado, Heywood.

Goals: 1-0 Izatt (83m), 1-1 Noble (84m).

Referee: D. Rennis; crowd: 500; caution: Heywood.

CANTERBURY v PARRAMATTA 2-2 (0-1)

Canterbury: McPherson, Psautolonomou, Laws, Barton, Lane, Bourke, Williams, Karaspiros (Bosganos 46m), Gili (Thamnidis 75m), Brown, Basterfield.

Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates (sent off), Lackey, McCreaner, Roughley, Juchniwicz, Herron, Roden, Montgomery.

Goals: 0-1 Roden (40m), 1-1 Bosganos (67m), 1-2 Montgomery (70m), 2-2 Bosganos (90m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; crowd: 540; sent off: Bates.

Another two goals by big John McCranor helped Kuringal to topple Blacktown United and opened the gap by three points at the top of the table.

McCranor scored nine goals in the last four games and this certainly put Kuringal in the box seat for the battle of the championship and promotion to State League.

But despite the loss Blacktown is still in the race and so is Wollongong who incidentally beat their neighbours Fairy Meadow by only one goal and Yugal who started to fire again with a 4-2 win over Warringah.

Fairy Meadow who were to sign Stephen Beggs this week but failed to get to terms with him are also in with a slim chance.

Highlights in the Yugal-Warringah game was a hat-trick by Amanji Rokodera and the fight-back by Warringah with 10 men after Alan Ainslie was sent off.

Bottom of the table Revesby came back from behind to win against North Bankstown and Penrith dropped a point after leading by two goals at halftime.

Weekend games details were:

WARRINGAH v YUGAL 2-4

A hat-trick by Amanji Rokodera gave Yugal a comfortable win over Warringah and kept them in the race for the championship.

Yugal was one up in the first minute but Szenczyk equalised for Warringah within four minutes.

From then on it was mostly Yugal as they raced to a 3-1 lead at halftime.

With the score 3-1 and 20 minutes from the end Warringah lost player-coach Alan Ainslie who was sent off by the referee.

Yet Warringah came back with a goal by Alan Sturgess from the penalty spot and Yugal scored another goal by Babian to wrap the game up.

Warringah: Clements, Duncan, Collings, Friend, Ainslie, Sturgess, Killie, Beverley, Szenczyk, Carpenter, Pittman, Coach: A. Ainslie.

Yugal: Berry, Cummings, Rendell, McIntosh, Clark, McGrath, Babian (Travini), Benecke (Mihalovic), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. Coach: I. Takac.

WOLLONGONG v FAIRY MEADOW 1-0

The "local Derby" attracted a crowd of more than 3,000 people and, as expected, were treated to champagne soccer.

Both teams used the wind well and despite the shortage of goals, it was still an entertaining game to watch.

Right from the outset, the scene was set that the team that scores first will win the match as neither side gave an inch to the other.

The only goal of the match came 17 minutes from the end when a perfect pass by Ron Sattin in the goalmouth was smashed into the net by Roberto Giraldo from only three metres.

Earlier Peter Terzovski made some very good saves for the Gong.

Wollongong: P. Terzovski, Namouski, Montecchie, Talevski, R. Sattin, Drain (Petkovski), M. Terzovski, H. Sattin, P. Giraldo, Gardner (Dafkovski), R. Giraldo. Coach: M. Johnson.

Fairy Meadow: A. Beck, Hamilton (Lackenby), Southwell, Chibby, Tinney, Charnock, Davenney, Richardson, Baker, White (S. Beck), Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

NTH. BANKSTOWN v REVESBY 1-3

North Bankstown put up a good performance to hold Revesby at Bay but could only last the first half.

Darin Stephenson put North in the lead and they maintained that advantage until the break.

However, Revesby who are still at the bottom of the ladder, played with more determination after the break scoring three goals without reply.

Gordon Mackin scored two and Gary Mitford scored the other.

Nth. Bankstown: L. Madden, Wright (Parry), Kymantas, Thompson, Gallagher, Wileman, C. Madden, Stephenson, Buckley, Celark, D. Madden (Campbell).

Revesby: Wright, Adams, Anderson, Harris, Pittman, Byles, Judd, Sadek, Mitford, Larkins, Prior (Mackin). Coach: R. Harbour.

GLADESVILLE v UNI OF NSW 2-0

A goal in each half gave these two important points to Gladesville and certainly sunk the students into further trouble.

With so many changes in the side, the students are finding it hard to get settled and get back into scoring goals.

David Butt opened the score for Gladesville early and Uni, although trying hard with some of their attacks, could not finish.

In the second half Alan Goldsworthy made it 2-0 and the points were secured for Gladesville.

Making first grade debut for Gladesville was second Bob George who went well in his first game.

Gladesville: Taylor, Keven, Kendall, George, Ferrara, Zanola (Naylor), Goldsworthy, Baldwin, Woodford, Nile, Butt. Coach: J. Woodford.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Lyons, T. Popovich, Erhardt, V. Popovich, Daglis (Austin), Graham, Kelly, Antonoli, Carvaj (Dowe), Hughes. Coach: A. Field.

BELMORE v BATHURST 1-1

Belmore, struggling near the bottom of the table put up a good performance to snatch a point off visitors Bathurst.

In fact, Belmore led with one goal at the break when Paul Kirwin netted from a good pass by Gary Billingham.

However, the heavily marked and guarded Adrian Pickup momentarily lost his tormentor for a few seconds and was able to notch the equaliser in the second half.

The game was played very tight by both sides but still was a good one to watch.

Belmore: Carlisle, G. Palmer, Cruger, Martin, P. Hawthorne, Kirwin, Oughton, Gary Billingham, Graham Billingham, B. Palmer, Grant, Coach: O. Klaus.

Bathurst: Lovett, Tait, Ashford, G. Hadley, Waine, P. Hadley, Lambertson, Davies, Woodruff, Fish, A. Pickup. Coach: S. Cousins.

KURINGAL v BLACKTOWN 3-1

Experience and using the right tactics probably played a big part in Kuringal's very important win over rivals Blacktown.

In a tight game, Billy Stewart opened the score for Kuringal halfway through the first half.

United equalised through Bobby Crone four minutes from the interval but Kuringal's John McCranor scored two minutes later to give his side a 2-1 lead at the break.

After the interval, Kuringal played possession football to wear down their younger opponents who never stopped trying and at the end McCranor found the net again to put the result beyond any doubt.

Kuringal: Antman, Haines, Gross, Sidney, Robertson, Gould, Magill, Williamson, Stewart, McCranor, Smith. Coach: H. Noon.

Blacktown: Evans, Murray, Ber, Eldridge, Foster, Taylor, T. Crone, De Valle, R. Crone, (Clarke), Davidson, J. Ramisch. Coach: D. Zaman.

PENRITH v GUILDFORD 2-2

In an incident packed match which ended in a draw, one player was sent off and another finished in hospital with a nasty cut on his face.

Penrith started well when two crosses by speedster Billy Hood produced two goals — one from John Demattia and one from Graham Beamer.

After the interval, Guildford brought in substitute Gary Power who, although he usually plays a defender in second grade, managed to score both goals to equalise and give Guildford a point.

Twelve minutes from the end D. Morrison was sent off following an incident in which Steve Hamill was taken to hospital with a cut that required surgery at the Nepean Hospital.

Penrith: Gibson, Pratt (Dunn), Gaskin, Hobart, May, Hamill (Smith), Demattia, Lewis, Hood, Thoms, Beamer. Coach: S. Ackerley.

Guildford: Freeman, McGlynn, Allen, Hunter, Morrison, Tait (Mugallish), McGuire (Power), Nicholson, Robinson, Miller, Stead. Coach: M. O'Neill.

NSW DRAW FOR THE WEEKEND

DIVISION 2

Liverpool Albion v Lane Cove Utd.

Sat., Stanwell Oval; Mt. Druitt

Town v Baulkham Hills Sun.,

Popondetta Park; Dee Why v

Queens Park E/S, Sun., Dee Why

Oval; Bonnyrigg v Campbelltown

City, Sat., St. Johns Park;

Nth. Ryde v Riverstone

Schiffels, Sat., Nth. Ryde Oval;

Gladesville Hornsby v Marrick-

vill Rockdale, Sun., Pioneer

Park; Glad. Hornsby v Baulk Hills,

Sat., Pioneer Park.

DIVISION 3

Wentworth v Kingsford,

Sun., Centenary Park; Port

Hacking v Artamon, Sun.,

Woolcoona; Padstow Park v

Syd. Uni, Sun., Walshaw Park;

Paddington v Eastern Creek,

Sun., Campbell Park; Bondi

Marine v Hurstville-Zagreb, Sat.,

Waverley Oval; West Ryde v

Fieldfield, Sat., L.H. Waud

Sigrid; Syd. Uni v Port Hacking,

Sat., St. Johns; Eastern Creek v

Wentworth, Sat., Turruwull.

DIVISION 4

Canley Hts. v Eastwood S/A,

Sun., King Park; Fairfield West v

Chelsea, Sun., Parkes Res;

Revesby v Rovers v West

St. George, Sun., Amour Park;

Nth. Ryde v West Holroyd G/C,

Sat., Murray Farm Res.; Ryde

Dist. v Concordia, Sun., E.L.S.

Hall Park; Maroubra Utd. v Win-

ston Hills, Sat., Coral Sea Park.

DIVISION 5

Edensor Park v Macquarie Uni.,

Sat., King Tomislav Park; Cam-

den v Haberfield, Sun., Ponderos

Park; Chulora v Moorebank, Sat.,

Jensen Park; Hawkesbury Dist. v

Auburn Juniors, Sun., Nth. Rich-

FROM THE PRESS BOX

It's absolutely marvellous to see all this sudden affluence of our leading clubs.

Two weeks ago Sydney Olympic publicly offered \$100,000 for a year's coaching to Tommy Docherty.

Alas, the modest Scot turned this down, preferring to return to Preston North End where, one assumes, he will earn a lot less.

Then last week Brisbane Lions announced that they are prepared to splash some \$500,000 to buy Bob Latchford plus offer him a contract worth another \$200,000 or so.

If only our clubs could afford to live the way they live...

YES, BUT \$500,000?

Is Latchford — or anybody else, for that matter — worth \$500,000 in Australia?

Let's count. Lions' home attendances (paid, uninflated) hover around 2,000; that's \$6,000 a home match or \$90,000 a season.

Suppose they secure Latchford at half a million and their crowds double and stay doubled — that's another \$90,000, a total of \$180,000 a year income.

Still some \$320,000 short of the Latchford transfer fee.

If a kindly sponsor comes along, Lions can expect anything between \$20,000 and \$50,000 a year; still some \$270,000 short.

And then you have not yet spent a red cent on the other players, staff, gear, travelling, etc...

ONLY TWO SURVIVORS

We live in a consumer society — we consume mainly coaches.

It's interesting to see what happened to those 14 coaches who, in 1977, kicked off with the first 14 PSL teams.

Two are still around. Rasic was with Marconi and is now in Blacktown and Cirkovic was with Footscray and (poor fellow) is still there.

Now for the others.

Manfred Schafer (St. George), Bruce Stowell (Olympic), Gerry Cheldi (Hakoah), Jim Adam (Fitzroy—Heidelberg) and John Warren (Canberra) are around but not coaching senior clubs.

Mike Laing (Wests) is back in Britain, Mike Johnson (West Adelaide) is with Wollongong in the NSW Div.1, Ian Kesson (Brisbane City), Edmund Kreft (Adcity), Archie Campbell (Mooroolbark) and Manny Poulakakis (St. Melbourne) are either with smaller clubs or with none at all.

The last is Scheinflug (Lions) who is, until at least October, with the Socceroos.

So of the 14, two are still in the PSL — and 12 are out.

In fact, Rale Rasic is the only one who has been coaching in the PSL since the first day, having gone from Marconi to Adelaide City to Blacktown.

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SMALL TURNOVER

What about the players?

Well, the turnover has been much smaller — but still significant.

Of those who played on the first day in 1977, these are the survivors.

Olympic: Meier, Senkalski (now Newcastle), Cross.

Sth. Melbourne: Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Cummings, Ollerton (now Preston).

Canberra: Moulis (now Olympic), Henderson (Marconi), Hogg (Lions).

West Adelaide: Crook, Pillans, Kosmina (Sydney City), Jones (Adcity), Honeyman, McGregor.

Footscray: Boland, Kondarios, Milne, Palinkas (Brisbane City), Picloane (Marconi), Ilioski.

St. George: Coe (Brisbane City), J. O'Shea (Canberra), Williams (Canberra), Jankovics (Marconi), O'Connor (Leichhardt).

Heidelberg (then Fitzroy): Provan, Taylor, Cole, Tansey, Buljevic (Sth. Melbourne).

Sydney City (then Hakoah): Clarke, Mullen, Barnes, O'Connor, Stevenson (Sth. Melbourne), Muniz, Lutton (Sth. Melbourne), Watson, Smith, Silva.

Brisbane City: Rathmell, Hermiston (Lions), Pimblett, Gaffney, Coyne (Leichhardt), Conner, Caldwell.

Marconi: Maher, Byrne, Degney, Salvage (Blacktown), Rooney (Heidelberg), Sharpe, Mariani.

Western Suburbs: Curran (Newcastle), Perry (Brisbane City), Wilson (Leichhardt), Harding (Leichhardt), Norris (West Adelaide).

Mooroolbark: Ontong (Lions).

Adelaide City: Perin, Melta, Northcote, Marochi, J. Nyskohus.

Lions: Bennett, Niven, Drinkwater (Newcastle), Hughes (Leichhardt).

A total of 70 players, out of 172, including the substitutions.

This is 40 per cent survival rate, compared with the 14 percent among the coaches.

Reforms may give game fresh hope

Soccer in NSW should be reorganised in a professional way — that's the view of Riverwood official Eric Smith.

At present, he is the only visible man on a "Reform Committee" which has been meeting periodically for the last two months.

"I believe that the fragmentation of soccer in NSW is the main retarding factor in the game's growth here," Eric Smith said this week.

"We have too many separate little organisations, all pulling in their own direction."

"The Sydney branch of the NSW Juniors are looking after their own affairs; the same with the NSW Federation, the referees and the rest of the bodies."

"I have been approached by several people from the various groups; we all talked and decided to find out what we thought was best for soccer in NSW, and established a "Reform Committee".

"Each of the people on that Committee, with the influence he has in his own sphere, might have enough clout to create a new structure."

Smith said the Committee had planned to present a formula by January.

However, this January date might now be brought forward to September or October this year.

The Reform Committee will have representatives from the State League, other divisions, schools, referees, Sydney Amateurs and NSW Country.

"We want to work out some constructive proposals ready to present to the NSW Federation and say, 'This is what we believe should be done and we'd like you to do them.'"

"Should they not take up the cudgel and try to

implement these reforms we think we'll have sufficient influence on the Committee to make sure it does happen."

"I believe the NSW Federation has been talking to the Juniors for some time to bring the two organisations together."

"But we want to go further. Sponsorship, proper junior coaching schemes and other areas also concern us deeply."

"One is to find more referees to control our games — we want to know what can we do to help them so they help us."

Eric Smith agreed that all this should be the job of the NSW Federation.

"We feel they are not doing enough in these directions," he said.

"The next best would be to have more modern-thinking men on the NSW Executive but this is enormously difficult."

"This year, for example, only two vacancies will occur there, the other three stay in office for another year."

He said this was not a secret organisation at all.

"We just don't want to rush things at the moment and we'll approach the NSW Executive when we have sorted out our priorities and established our goals."

Eric Smith admitted having heard about plans to start a powerful NSW Super League in 1982.

"Although my club's policy may oppose this, as we could miss out on it, I personally feel it could work," he said.

"You'd have every chance of getting bigger crowds because the supporters of two teams, not just the one as in the PSL, would attend."

"At the same time your costs would drop drastically from what they are in the PSL."

St. George soccer president Les Bordacs said this week that by

playing in the State League they would save about \$80,000 this year.

"I am sure Croatia and Melita are also in the same boat — and perhaps Blacktown begin to feel the pinch, too."

"At the moment we are not sure whether it would be to our advantage to get back to the PSL even if we could."

"I hate to say this but the PSL has not turned out to be the kind of bonanza we had all expected."

"Perhaps a strong, wide-spread NSW League, professionally run, could be the answer."

"I hear that some plans call for the splitting of the PSL into two geographical groups, but I doubt if that would solve anything."

"Take the Brisbane teams: when they visit Sydney, they completely lack drawing power and their Sydney hosts still rely purely on their own support."

"To a large extent, this applies to all interstate teams. The sad truth is that hardly any local fans give two hoots about an interstate team."

On the Sydney grapevine, one can already hear about a possible Super-League composition which runs like this:

From Sydney: St. George, Croatia, Melita, Polonia, Riverwood and Canterbury; from the West: Canberra and Monaro; from the North: Newcastle and a second team and from the South: Wollongong and Fairy Meadow.

One official said: "We cannot be sentimental about the selection of teams."

"Only those should be admitted who have either a following or their own ground, or both."

"Some clubs in the NSW State League have been dragging their feet too long; they'd be better

LETTERS

Your article about Croatia-Sydney S.F.C. being set to join the PSL (Soccer World 11/6/81) even at the cost of their name is nothing but the figment of imagination on the part of their president Tony Topic and perhaps some ill-informed individuals.

Members of this great soccer club have voted on this matter in the past and have refused any name changing by overwhelming majority.

The name "Croatia" is not just a link between the club and its supporters as the president has stated.

To the people the name is a form of survival and to the soccer club it's the tradition from the days of its formation of over 24 years ago.

As far as Croatia-Sydney S.F.C. is concerned they are far better off in the present company as they fulfil their purpose of bringing joy and pride to their devoted supporters.

Peter Lukunic
former secretary,
Croatia Sydney S.F.C.
Toongabbie NSW

— Andrew Dettre



NSW Federation president Karl Rodny: soon to be approached with reform ideas.

off going back to amateur status.

"They struggle from year to year with crowds of 200 or so; is there any hope for them?"

Our comment:

Let's hope the Reform Committee not only carries on its work but also establishes a dialogue with the NSW Federation to bring about the necessary changes.

This does not appear to be a revolutionary move; there is no talk of breakaways, takeovers and coup d'etats.

There is some merit in the thought that the

Philips League is not everybody's cup of tea; it wasn't even meant to be.

Perhaps through this "natural selection" the PSL could also gain in strength while, at the same time, NSW could establish a strong Statewide League.

If the officials involved are intelligent and progressive enough, they could solve soccer's present problems.

If, on the other hand, they see it only as a power struggle, soccer could be in for a period of blood-letting.

— The Editor

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